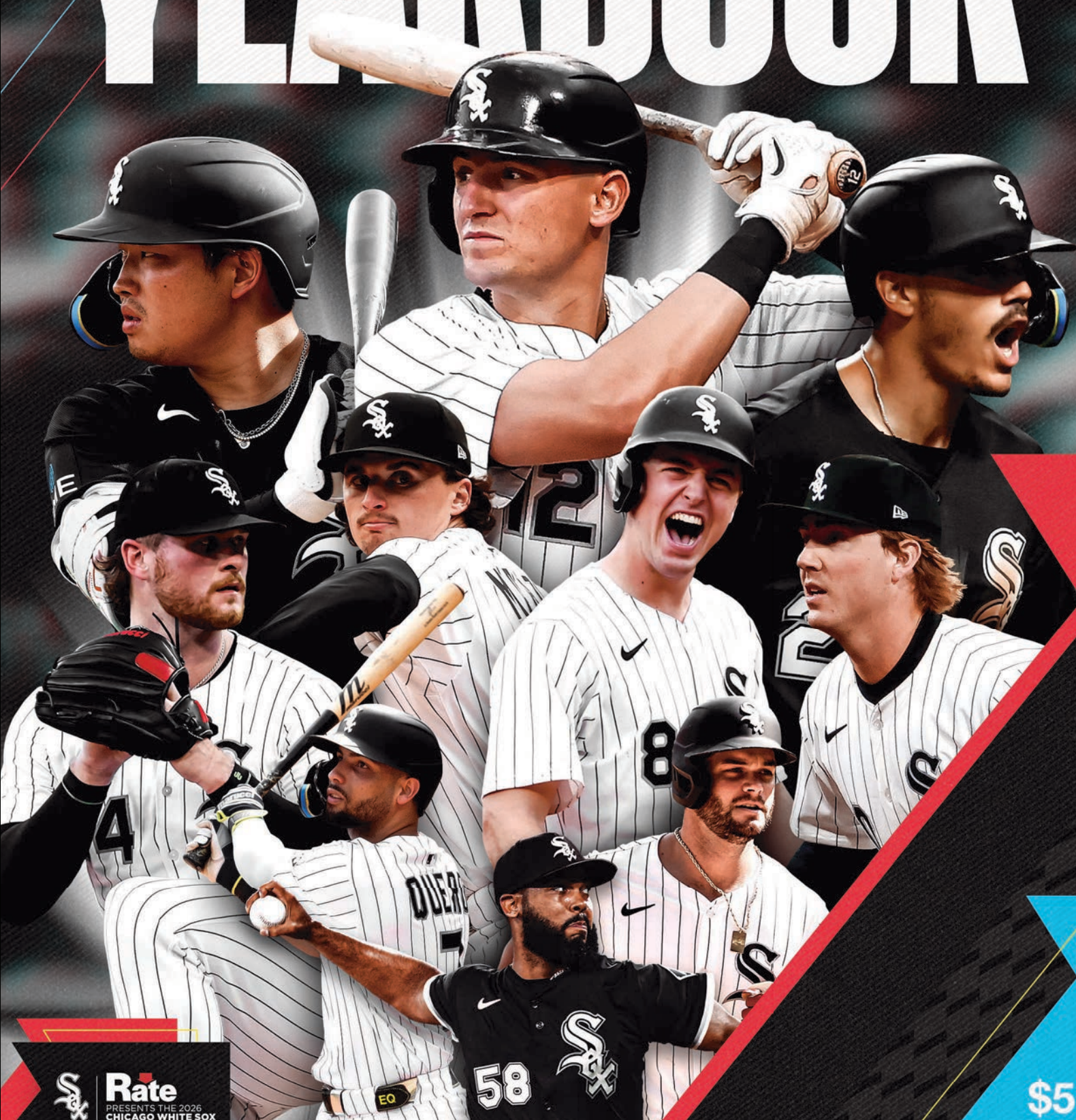


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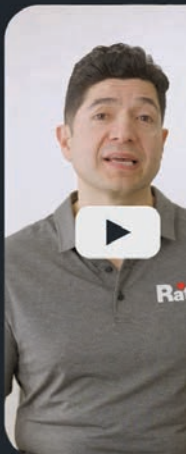
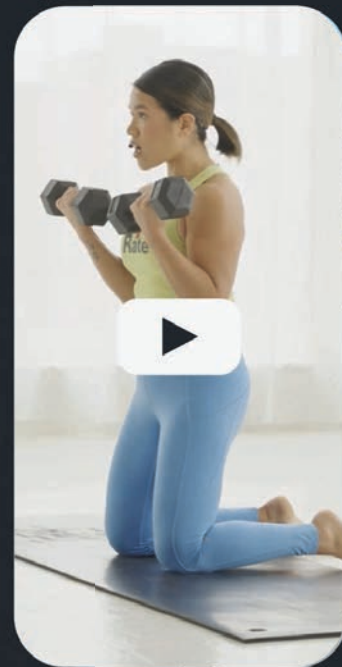
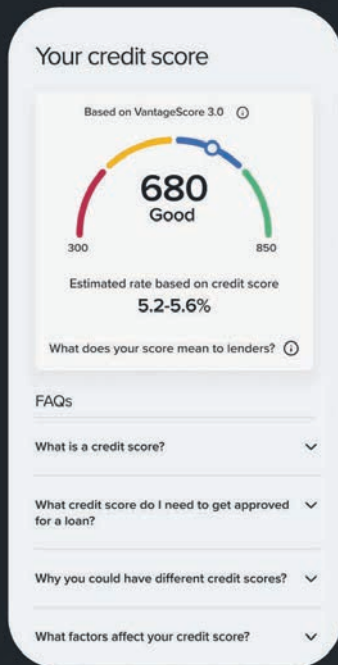
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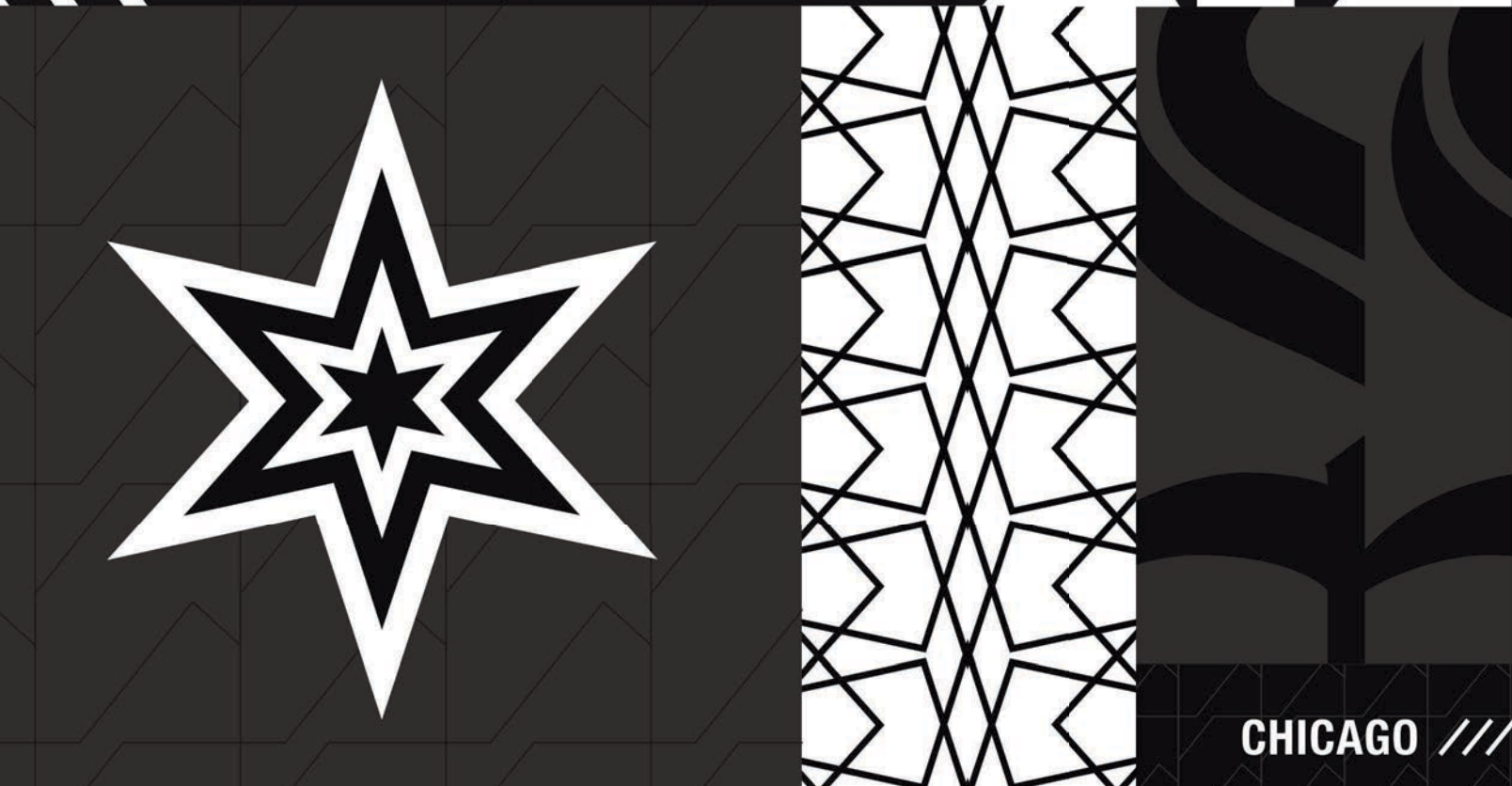
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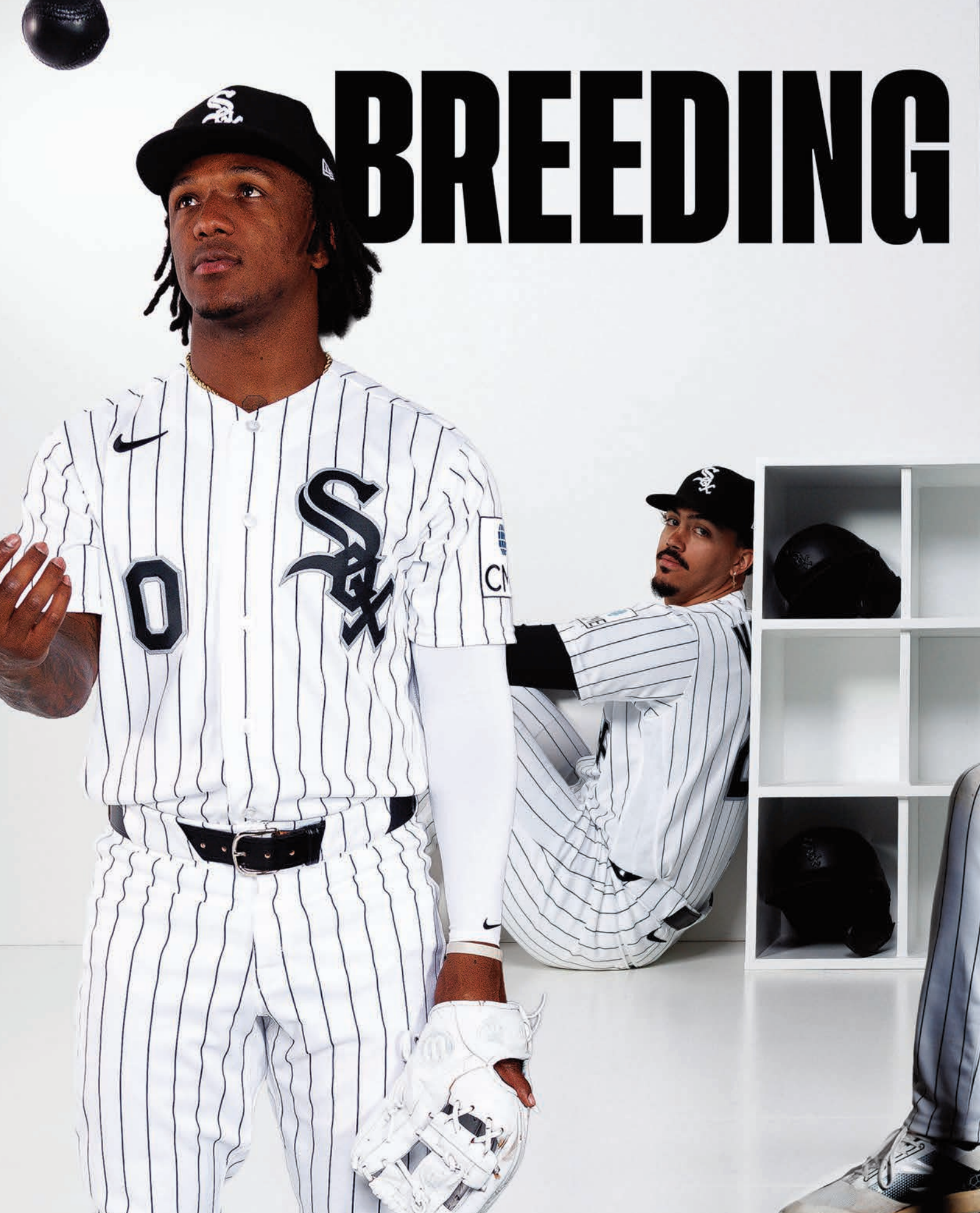
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Left to right: Korey Lee, Chase Meidroth, William Bergolla Jr., Luisangel Acuña, and Miguel Vargas

When Miguel Vargas was first traded to the White Sox in the middle of the 2024 season, Luis Robert Jr., his friend from their days as amateur players in Cuba, was one of the few familiar faces.

Robert Jr.'s departure via trade to the Mets for infielder/outfielder Luisangel Acuña and prospect right-hander Truman Pauley this January wasn't surprising, but it was still challenging. That Robert Jr. included a picture of them in uniform together in his goodbye Instagram post to the White Sox, was touching to Vargas.

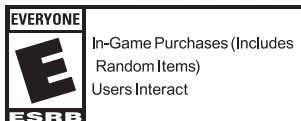
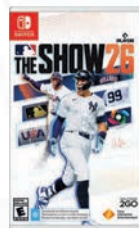
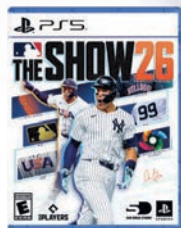
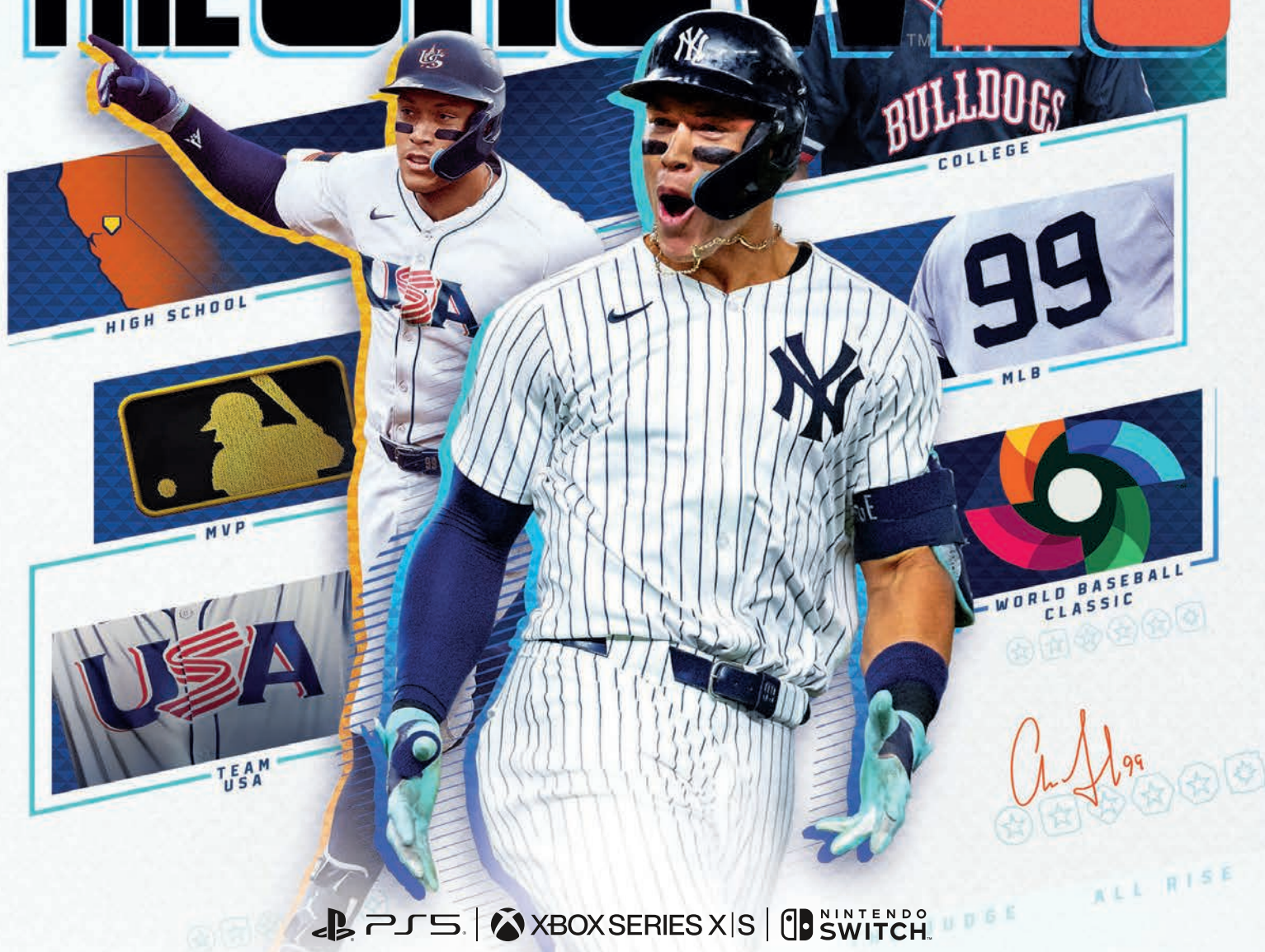
"You're going to make me cry," Vargas said. "No, just kidding. For sure, I miss him a lot. I text him almost every day. He was a big impact for me when I first got here."

Nevertheless, within an hour of the trade, Vargas was FaceTiming with Acuña.

"He said whatever I need, I can reach out to him, and that he's here to help me," Acuña recalled via interpreter.

Less than two years after arriving in Chicago, the 26-year-old infielder's ease and comfort with communicating with different social groups, in different languages, among the roster, among team staff and media, is relied upon by Will Venable and the White Sox coaching staff. That a new arrival to the increasingly tightly knit Sox clubhouse should be met with a charm offensive is a responsibility Vargas takes seriously, even when he's missing his friend.

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"That's the way I would want anyone to treat me when I'm in a new place," Vargas said. "For him coming to a new team, I want him to feel comfortable. Then he can be himself and be the best person he can be."

A young and emerging core of Sox players ended the 2025 season encouraged with the stronger brand of baseball they played in the second half, with Colson Montgomery leading the way as the offense launched the eighth-most home runs in baseball after the All-Star break.

"I felt like there was no doubt in our ability at the end of the year," Montgomery said. "It was an eye-opening moment for us young guys, that if we just put our nose down and play the best that we can, not try to worry about anyone else, things can turn for us."

The answer for the shared upbeat outlook across the roster extends beyond Montgomery's 21 home runs, Kyle Teel's .833 OPS in the second half, or All-Star Shane Smith taking a no-hitter into the sixth in the last game of the 2025 season. It has plenty to do with Vargas' simple display of selflessness.



"You solved the culture issue," said Davis Martin. "We're not just looking at the 26-man roster for culture. Culture is how people behave top-to-bottom on the 40-man, it's within the organization from the ACL all the way to the big leagues. It's an inclusive group.

Everyone is able to interact with each other. No one is a stranger to one another. Anyone in this organization is able to talk to anyone else. That's just where it's at."

As much as the roster of the 2024 team were notably supportive of one another through a difficult season, this sort of cohesion couldn't be achieved in a year of such organizational turnover, where the White Sox used a franchise-record 63 different players.



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“I wasn’t there for the bulk of the year, but I could tell it was a lot of moving parts,” said Sean Burke. “It didn’t necessarily feel like anyone had a stable place. It was more trying to piece things together, see if you could build a good team. Whereas now, you can see more of a team aspect coming together.”

With a slate of important rookies expected to debut throughout the 2025 season, the White Sox supplemented their roster with well-traveled and experienced role players like Mike Tauchman, Michael A. Taylor and

Martín Pérez. They had not necessarily been the lead voices in the clubhouse before, but Sox coaches elevated them to be vocal and visible examples of the diligence, toughness and resilience necessary to have long big league careers.

“They were always even-keeled,” Teel said. “When things weren’t going their way, they were the same as when they had the best game of their life. I think you can learn a lot from them just watching how they go about their business.”

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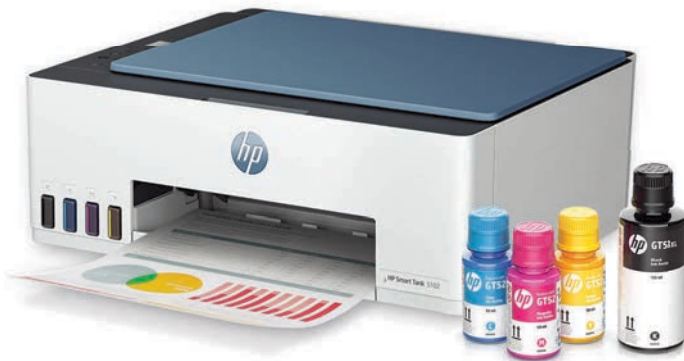


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With that slate of veteran players moving on, Venable expected to take a more active leadership role in the clubhouse in his second year as manager, since the 2026 season figures to welcome yet another wave of prospect talent debuting in Chicago, like Sam Antonacci, Tanner McDougal, Braden Montgomery, David Sandlin, Noah Schultz and Hagen Smith, among others. Within a few weeks of spring, somewhere around the time Martin was asking if it was OK for the pitching staff to sit in the dugout to support their teammates during Cactus League games they were not required to attend, or when 10-year vet Andrew Benintendi and non-roster invite LaMonte Wade were squeezing into the suddenly quite crowded dugout on their off days too, Venable began recalibrating his expectations.

"If you're going to be successful out there, you need adults in the room that are going to speak up for the things that are right, and hold guys accountable for the things we've all created expectations for," Venable said. "Because we don't have the Michael Taylors and Martín Pérozs, these guys are filling that void themselves, and they're excited to do it."

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- Will Venable





"These guys are, by design, elevating their leadership in the clubhouse, and it's pretty cool to see because those are still really young players who are unfinished products," said bench coach Walker McKinven. "Guys are willing to challenge their counterparts, willing to challenge their friends and expect the best from their teammates within these walls. I don't think we [the coaching staff] have to do much with that to be honest with you. Vargas is a leader in this place and he'll say what he needs to say to these guys. I feel good about that. Within the player group, these guys are willing to challenge each other."

In the wake of sending out Robert, the Sox completed a flurry of veteran additions in the final month before spring training, such as former All-Star outfielder Austin Hays. After helping a young 2025 Reds team reach the playoffs for the first time in five years, Hays saw a similar opportunity to be a mentoring presence upon joining the Sox. He just wasn't quite seeing anything that needed to be addressed upon arrival.

"Now that I've been in the league for a little while, I just try to be that older guy that goes about his business the right way," Hays said. "But from the little bit of time I've been here, watching how guys carry themselves, how they're treating other people, I don't



think there's going to be a lot of those conversations. Everybody seems to be really respectful, they seem to be professional.

"Guys are doing early work," he continued. "Guys are working after practice. I don't think there's a laziness issue. Those are usually the areas you have to talk about things."

Instead, the effect was more that a young core of players that already felt more than capable of improving upon their 28-37 record in the second half, saw the front office's activity in rounding out the roster as an endorsement to aim even higher.

"I know the direction we want to go this year and we made some good additions this offseason and I think everyone is really excited," said gritty second-year infielder Chase Meidroth. "A lot of guys love baseball in here and that's awesome. There's a really good foundation and brotherhood in here where we all want to play for each other. That's not easy to find everywhere."



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“My goal for this year is to play well and try to make the playoffs,” said Edgar Quero, the still 22-year-old former Top 100 prospect who was the youngest catcher in the majors for much of the 2025 season. “We are ready, man. If everybody comes with the same mentality, I think we can make it.”

It turns out the mentality is contagious. The Sox are once more offering opportunities to former Top 100 prospects like Acuña, Jarred Kelenic and Everson Pereira, who have yet to get the playing time necessary to tap into their full potential. Meidroth, Montgomery, Quero and Teel are still second-year hitters trying to build, and imports like both Anthony Kay and Munetaka Murakami will be trying to make their success in Japan translate to the majors. All the while, Venable is preaching a message of ‘starting from zero,’ and not resting on the laurels of an encouraging finish to 2025.

Even with all that to balance, the White Sox clubhouse’s approach to incorporating all those elements is only winning over its new additions.

“It’s one of my favorite spring trainings so far that I’ve been a part of, that’s just a testament to all the guys and how they interact with each other and make it easy for someone new to come in and just feel like part of it,” said Jordan Hicks, a newly acquired veteran reliever with multiple years of playoff experience. “There’s not a lot of teams I’ve been like ‘Oh yeah, we can do some damage this year’ in spring. This is one of the teams where I actually feel like we can be pretty good.”

As it turns out, making new players feel accepted right away becomes a self-perpetuating force for getting the best efforts out of everyone.

“This team just welcomed me with open arms, and I really appreciate them for letting me be myself,” Vargas said. “They love me, so I love them, too.” ■

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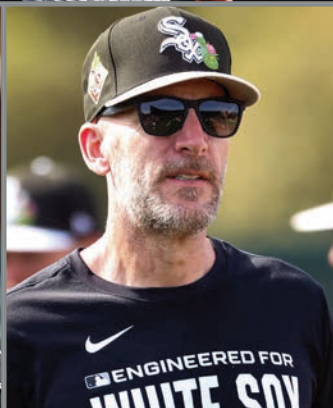
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Meet the new White Sox coaching staff in Year 2 of Will Venable's managerial tenure.

The group features a fresh look from Venable's debut season, when the White Sox improved by 19 games from the 2024 campaign. It's all geared toward enhancing the development and growth process as the rebuild of this young team generates momentum toward success and contention.

"Everybody is energized and excited to be at work," Venable said of his staff. "Those guys have been great."

"They have been awesome," said assistant general manager Josh Barfield of the new crew. "It started in the offseason. As soon as we hired those guys, they went to work preparing."

Back during Spring Training in Arizona, in the early part of the six-week Cactus League excursion, Barfield mentioned how the organization was much more prepared coming into camp than they had been in years prior. The days were planned out, efficient, and structured in a way for players to start attacking the year.

That cohesiveness is not always easy to achieve with so many changes. This group, however, works well together.

Derek Shomon took over as hitting coach, while Zach Bove became the new White Sox pitching coach. Bobby Hearn finds himself in the new role of assistant pitching coach with José Leger joining the staff as first base/outfield coach.

Chris Denorfia was hired as the Major League field coordinator, with Bennett Markinson moving into the role of bullpen catcher and Tony Medina signing on as Major League assistant. Hearn's story stands as one of the most interesting, as he works in his sixth year of coaching at just 29.

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Hearn, who pitched one season at Wake Forest with 2025 All-Star Shane Smith, gave up a career in finance to stick in baseball.

“Out of undergrad, I was going to work at an investment bank in Charlotte. After grad school, I was going to work at a public accounting firm, Deloitte,” Hearn said. “I just wasn’t ready to give up the game. I thought I’ll try this for a little while.

“If I’m not where I want to be, I’ll probably go back, and the rest is history,” he said. “I got a job with Tread Athletics and went from there.”

A connection exists between Bove and Hearn dating to the Twins when they both worked in the Minor League system. Now, they are putting together a young talented staff, not to mention top prospect pitchers such as Tanner McDougal, Noah Schultz and Hagen Smith on the horizon.



Bove, 37, spent the last three seasons as a Major League assistant pitching coach with the Kansas City Royals, but has an interesting back story much like Hearn. He began as a hitting coach at the high school level and then for the College of Central Florida in 2012-13 before moving to mound work.

“How about that? Self-made man, really. Taught himself to do it,” said Royals manager Matt Quatraro of his former staff member. “I can’t even fathom doing that, to dive into it and be that good.

“I’m happy for him and his family. He took a leap of faith to come with us a few years ago when things were pretty lean. He helped us get better. He’s a hard worker. He’s very forward thinking, very to the point. He doesn’t mince words. Pitchers appreciate that honesty and just knowing he’s going to help them get better. So, it’s a tough loss for us, but good for him.”

As a transformed hitting coach, Bove couldn’t fall back on the “this is what I did as a pitcher” when he was first starting out. He has had no problem connecting with the White Sox hurlers.





“Again, this was never kind of the 10-year plan or five-year plan,” Bove said. “Just trying to do my best wherever I am. I feel really good about the organization and the current situation and trying to take it day by day.”

“It is a ton of responsibility, and that’s new to me. So, getting comfortable with that and maybe making certain decisions, but really taking the group’s feedback. It comes with the job and you have to do it at the end of the day. So, you have to get used to those things.”

Brian Bannister returned as the senior advisor to pitching for the White Sox, giving Bove and Hearn a

highly knowledgeable base. It also helps having Matt Wise in his third year as bullpen coach.

Shomon has a comparable situation on the offensive side, with Ryan Fuller’s overarching plan as director of hitting and Joel McKeithan providing a strong source of information regarding the rostered players as assistant hitting coach. Shomon, 35, spent the 2025 season as the Marlins assistant hitting coach, where he had a profound influence on All-Star Kyle Stowers.

Prior to that role, he spent four seasons with the Twins. Shomon is direct and energetic, a theme running across this staff and really the organization. He oftentimes is heard before he’s seen.

“He’s great. He’s intense. He’s like a very hands-on guy,” said shortstop Colson Montgomery of Shomon. “He’s really good at breaking things down. He could teach what he’s teaching us to like a four-year-old.”

“So, it really tells us how much he understands what he’s talking about. He’s a great dude to be around. Funny, in a great way.”

There’s a noticeable theme in the youth of this crew. Denorfia, who played with Venable on the Padres from 2010-14 and remains close friends, is 45. Leger is 43, Medina is 32 and Markinson turned 23 on December 30.

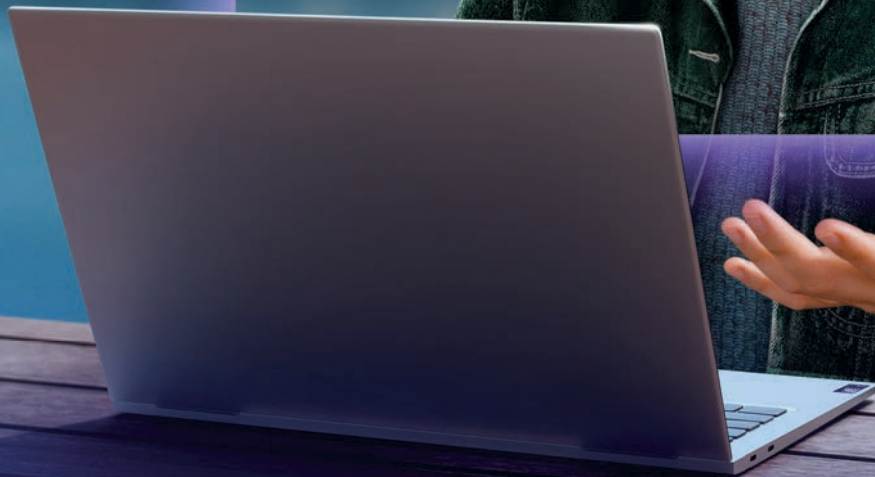
They joined bench coach Walker McKinven, Wise, McKeithan, third base/infield coach Justin Jirschele and bullpen catcher Luis Sierra (11th season) as return coaching members under Venable. Venable is one of the “old souls” on this staff at just 43.

“You look at our player group and a group that is very young,” Venable said. “To be able to connect with those guys, I don’t think age matters so much as relatability, and those guys regardless of age are really relatable. They have really built those connections.”

“My philosophy is as long as you can build a relationship with the guy and show them you have reason and backing to what you are doing, just really collaborate with those guys,” said Hearn, who is younger than some of the guys he coaches. “You coach guys differently but even the 35-year-olds vs. the 21, 22-year-olds, if you give them stuff that they think can make them better, they will be open to you.”



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"Definitely a good opportunity that was hard for me to pass," Leger added. "My first time in the big leagues, my first interview, my first opportunity. So, I'm grateful for it."

Venable wasn't thinking about the improved 28-37 record after the All-Star Break last year coming into 2026. He wasn't focused on Montgomery's 21 home runs in 71 games, or the breakouts of players such as Chase Meidroth, Grant Taylor, Edgar Quero, Smith and Kyle Teel.

Well, he might have been thinking about them a little bit—after all, it's the crux of this team's growth. Venable preached a start from zero philosophy beginning in Spring Training, building a fundamentally sound, aggressive team moving forward.

This coaching staff oversaw such a program, and during each day's preparation, a bond of communication developed and was reinforced. This group wasn't just talking about their area of expertise.

"Just guys coming in after the workday and kind of just talking about their day and their space and sharing it," Shomon said. "A debrief. That part is really cool. Just like hearing about some of the other facets of the game we don't get to directly see and vice versa. They get to hear about the hitting and some things we are really excited about that day, our challenges that came about.

"When you have that, you have the



opportunity to get potentially better solutions and know how to attack them moving forward. That piece being true just kind of highlights the excitement for the group overall and everybody is hitting the ground running and ready to get going."

There's optimism. More optimism than in the last four years. It comes from the players already in place. It comes from new impact additions such as first baseman Munetaka Murakami.

Whatever the outlet, this coaching staff feels the enthusiasm-infused high hopes.

"Absolutely. I think there's a ton of guys who made progress last year," Hearn said. "Some guys still coming through the system we are really excited about. Then obviously the new additions to add a layer of veteran impact. It's shaping up to be a unique group and we can get a lot better."

"Going through the interview process, there was a lot of similarities to the Royals," Bove said. "When we first got there, new staff, new players, kind of new philosophies. Year 1 was a little rough, which they have gotten out of the way. Year 2 we made the playoffs and kept building momentum on the pitching side. We are in a similar spot here and definitely exciting times." ♦







GROUNDS FOR GREATNESS

By Isabella Sanin

For six decades, the ballpark has been Roger Bossard's home. The longtime head groundskeeper of the Chicago White Sox has devoted his life to meticulously grooming the grass, dirt and clay where generations of players have forged — and continue to forge — their legacies. Across baseball, he's known by a nickname that speaks to that craftsmanship and reverence: "The Sodfather."

The name was not self-appointed. It was bestowed 20 years ago by longtime Chicago Tribune columnist, Paul Sullivan. The nickname stuck, reflecting Bossard's influence on the profession and the long tenure that has defined his career. Now, the behind-the-scenes work is earning the

fan-favorite groundskeeper one of the highest honors in his field — an induction into the Major League Baseball Groundskeepers Hall of Fame. It is a recognition he says is as much about family as it is about personal achievement.

"I was humbled," Bossard said. "Because it's your peers. It's not somebody from the outside voting for you. When something like this happens, it makes it special."

Groundskeeping is more than a career for Bossard; it's a multi-generational calling. His grandfather and father both worked in MLB, creating a lineage that helped shape the standards of modern field management. As a child, Bossard didn't just visit ballparks; he also worked in them.

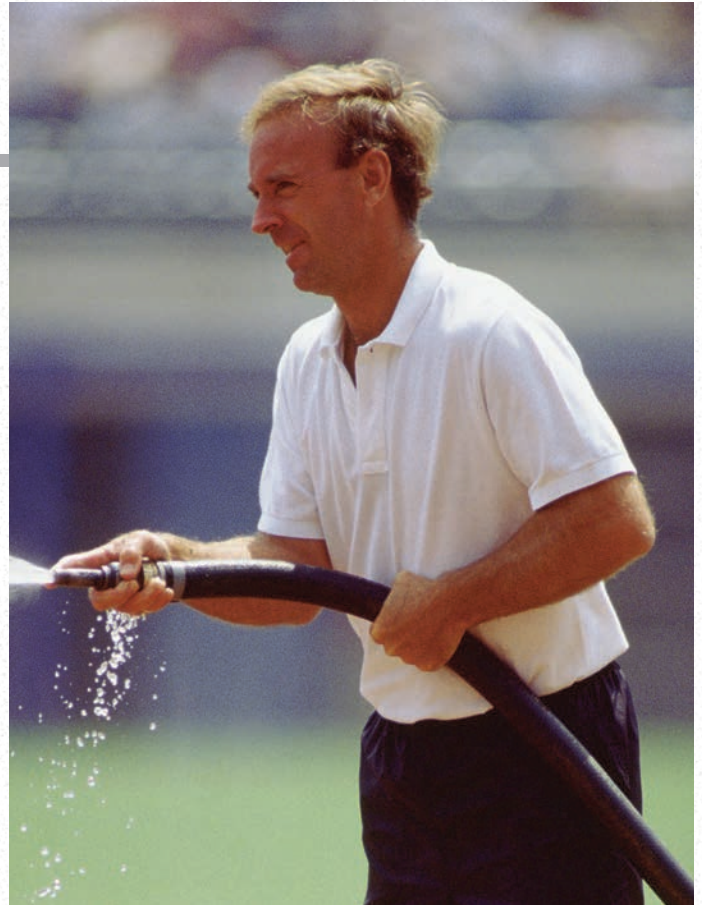
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"I remember when I was nine or 10 years old being out with my dad pulling hoses around," he recalled. "When we went to Cleveland, my grandfather was the head groundskeeper there, and I can remember being on that field with both of them."

Those early experiences made his future feel inevitable. Even while attending Purdue University, Bossard already knew exactly where life was headed.

"I knew what I was going to do when I was nine or 10," he said. "I couldn't see myself doing anything differently."

The family's influence extended far beyond technique. Their lessons emphasized humility, pride in craftsmanship and a relentless work ethic.



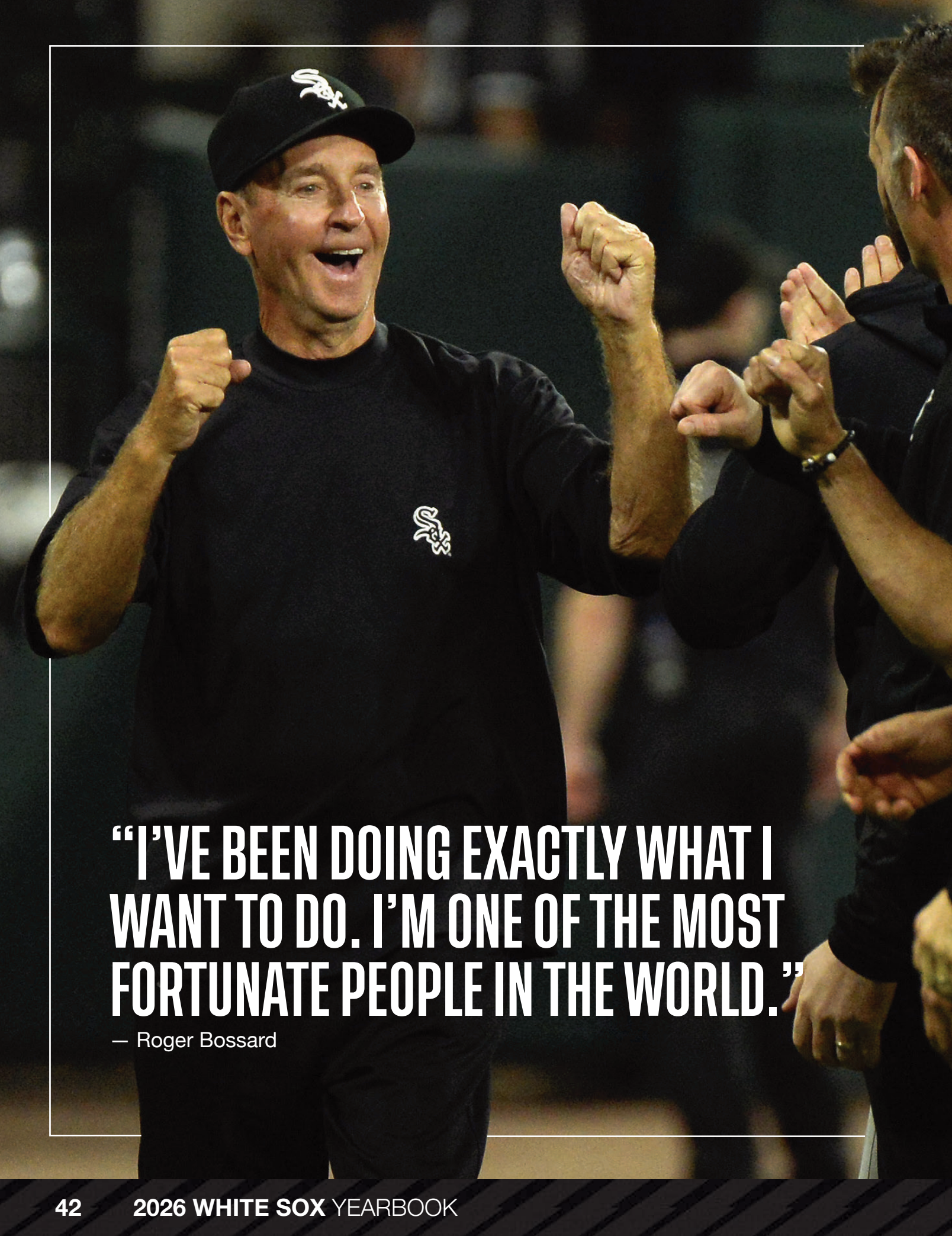
"When our family got together, there were six of us who were Major League groundskeepers," Bossard said. "My mom and aunts would yell at everyone to stop talking about dirt and grass. But that's how we were raised. You try to be the best, and you stay humble."

Bossard joined the White Sox in an official capacity in 1967 and has remained with the organization ever since, a rarity in modern professional sports. He credits that longevity to the relationships he built within the organization and the culture established by ownership.

"All the owners have been great. They treated my dad well, and they treated me the same way," Bossard said. "We've got one of the greatest owners in the world in Jerry Reinsdorf. Anybody who has worked for him will tell you how loyal he is to his people. His office door is always open. That's special."







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— Roger Bossard



Despite spending his entire career in one place, Bossard insists he never felt the urge to leave.

"I've been doing exactly what I want to do," he said. "I'm one of the most fortunate people in the world."

Over the course of nearly 60 seasons, Bossard has prepared the field for countless historic moments. Certain years, however, remain etched in his memory.

"The best seasons I've had were 1977, 1983, the 1994 team, and of course the 2005

championship team," he said. "When the team plays well, there's never such a thing as a bad hop. The field always looks beautiful, everybody is happy and everything just flows. The name of the game is winning."

That 2005 championship brought one of the most meaningful recognitions of his career. While players are traditionally the first to receive their World Series rings, Bossard was honored alongside them.

"Opening Day the next year, they had me get my ring with the players," he said. "I'll never forget that."

“I’VE BEEN LUCKY. I GOT TO SPEND MY LIFE DOING WHAT I LOVE.”

— Roger Bossard

While Bossard is synonymous with Chicago White Sox baseball, his influence has reached far beyond Chicago’s South Side. Known throughout the industry as an innovator in sports turf management, he helped pioneer techniques that are now standard across professional baseball.

Over the course of his career, he has designed, built or consulted on fields across the country, including major projects at Wrigley Field (2007), Busch Stadium (2005), Fenway Park and RFK Stadium (2004), as well as numerous sites in Arizona, Detroit, Milwaukee, Seattle and Washington. He also designed and built the playing fields at Camelback Ranch-Glendale, the club’s spring training complex that opened in 2009, and contributed to the spring training facilities used by Cincinnati, Montreal, the Yankees, St. Louis, Arizona, and Dodgers.





In addition to shaping individual ballparks, Bossard developed a patented drainage system first installed when Rate Field opened in 1991. Today, nearly two-thirds of MLB parks use variations of that design. His work has influenced everything from irrigation layouts to infield construction standards, helping grounds crews maintain safer, more consistent playing surfaces throughout the game.

In fact, one of his proudest professional accomplishments took him halfway around the world.

“I put in the first natural turf fields in Saudi Arabia for the royal family,” Bossard said. “Working over there and doing something completely different, I’m very proud of that.”

His expertise transformed field construction, drainage and maintenance practices, helping create safer and more consistent playing surfaces across MLB.

Bossard’s pride extends beyond baseball. Before his full-time career took shape, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam, an experience he still reflects on with deep gratitude.

“I fought for my country,” he said. “I’m very proud of that.”

That sense of service, whether to his nation or to the game of baseball, has remained a constant theme throughout his life.

For Bossard, the Hall of Fame honor is inseparable from the generations who came before him. With his father, grandfather and uncle all previously enshrined, the induction represents the continuation of a family legacy that helped define an entire profession.

“It means an awful lot because my dad, my uncle and my grandpa are in it,” he reflected with emotion. “It’s nice to know they feel I’m as good as they were.”

That humility, paired with unmatched loyalty and innovation, has earned Bossard admiration throughout the baseball world. While players’ names fill box scores and record books, Bossard’s work has been present in every inning, measured not in statistics, but in the perfectly groomed infield, the true bounce of a ground ball and the reliability of a field prepared with care.

After 60 years, he still sees himself simply as a caretaker of the game.

“I’ve been lucky,” Bossard said. “I got to spend my life doing what I love.”

And now, with his place secured among the most influential figures in his field, Bossard’s lifelong dedication to the game, and to the family tradition that started it all, has taken its own well-deserved place in history. ●



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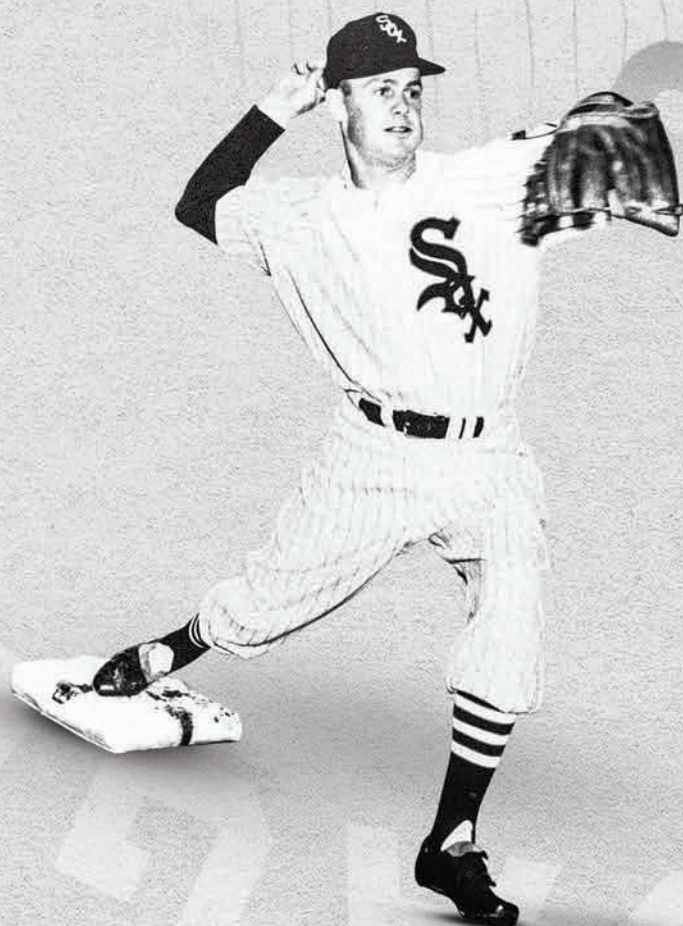
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ROBINSON



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NELLIE
FOX



- ♦ Played 14 seasons with the White Sox
- ♦ Ranks second in Sox History with 2,470 hits and third with 2,115 games played
- ♦ 1959 AL Most Valuable Player
- ♦ Led AL in hits in 1952, '54, '57 and '58
- ♦ Three-time Gold Glove Award® winner (1957, '59 and '60) and 12-time All-Star
- ♦ Inducted into Hall of Fame in 1997
- ♦ Sculptures of Fox and Luis Aparicio were unveiled at Rate Field in 2006

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HAROLD
BAINES

- ♦ Inducted into Hall of Fame in 2019
- ♦ Played 22 seasons in major leagues, including three stints with the White Sox (1980-89, '96-97, 2000-01)
- ♦ Recorded 2,866 hits, 384 home runs and 1,628 RBI
- ♦ Ranks third in Sox history in homers (221) and fourth in RBI (981)
- ♦ Sculpture of Baines was unveiled at Rate Field in 2008





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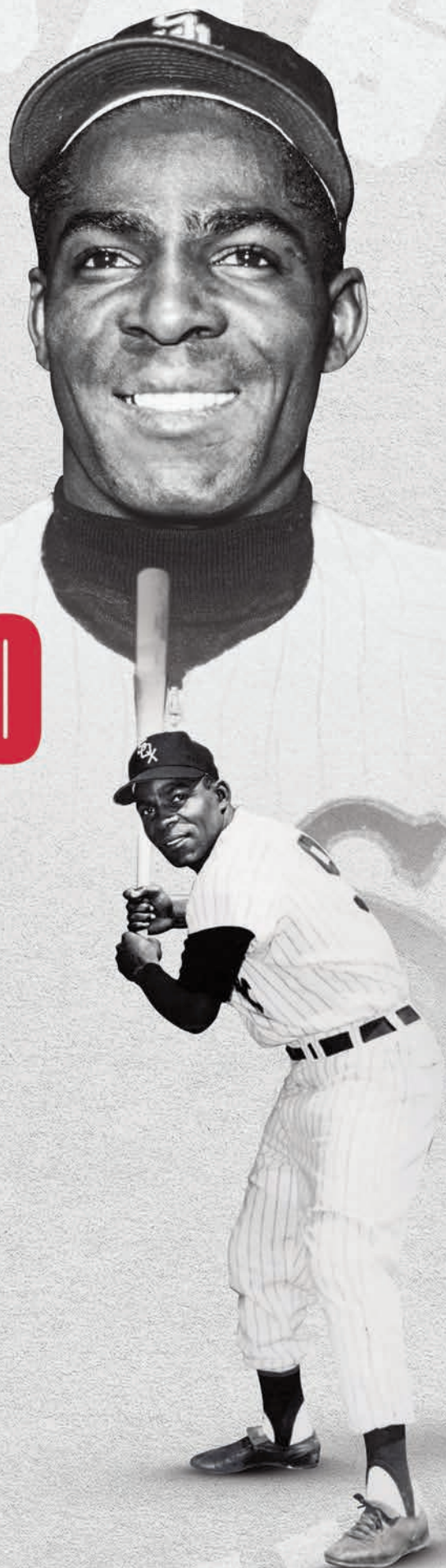


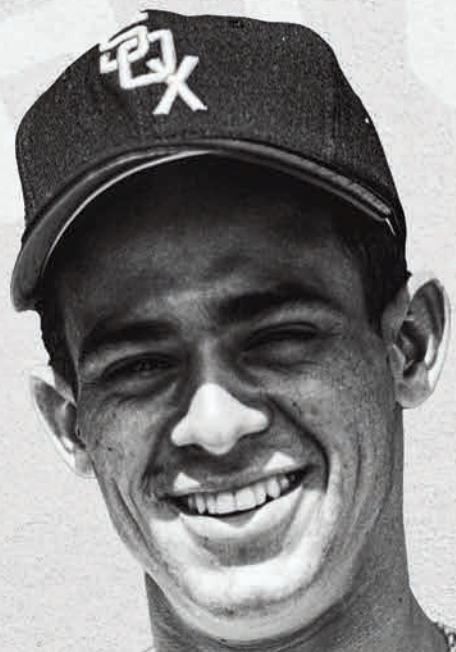
- ♦ Inducted into Hall of Fame in 1964
- ♦ Played 20 seasons with the White Sox
- ♦ Career .310 hitter with 2,749 hits
- ♦ Sox all-time leader in games (2,422), at-bats (8,856) and hits and ranks second in doubles (440), runs scored (1,319) and walks (1,302) and third in RBI (1,116)
- ♦ Led AL with .388 average in 1936
- ♦ Drew 100-plus walks three times and recorded a .400-plus OBP eight times

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MINNIE
MIÑOSO

- ♦ Inducted into Hall of Fame in 2022
- ♦ Played 12 seasons with White Sox over five separate stints
- ♦ Broke the Sox color barrier in 1951
- ♦ Seven-time AL All-Star and three-time Gold Glove Award® winner
- ♦ Batted over .300 eight times, scored 100-plus runs four times and recorded 100-plus RBI four times
- ♦ Sculpture unveiled at Rate Field in 2004

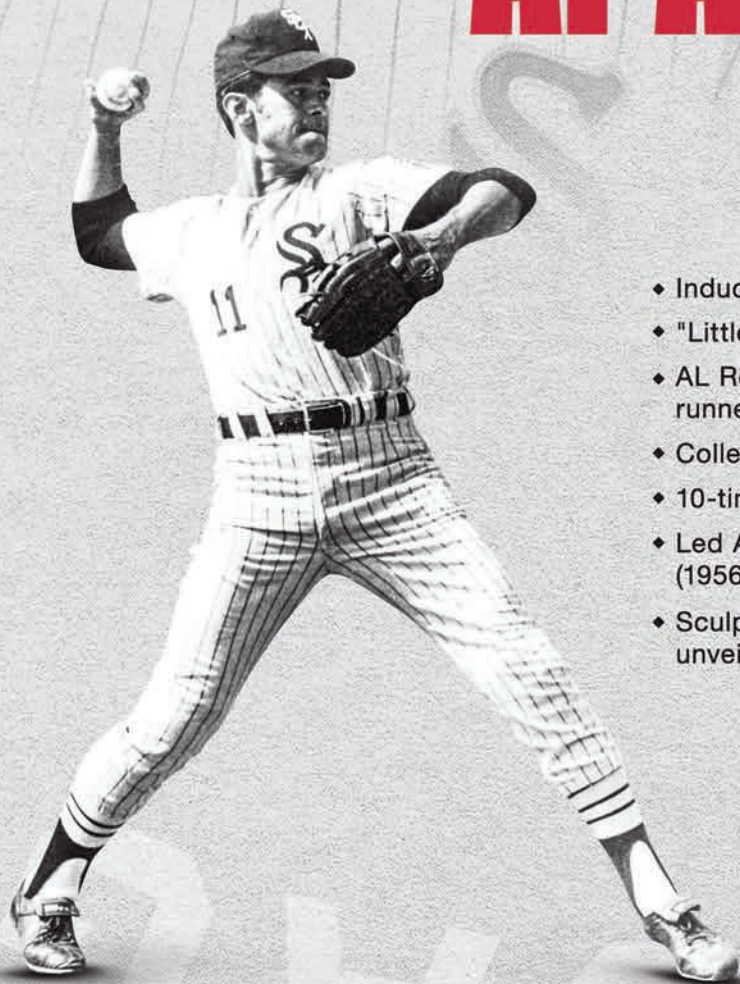




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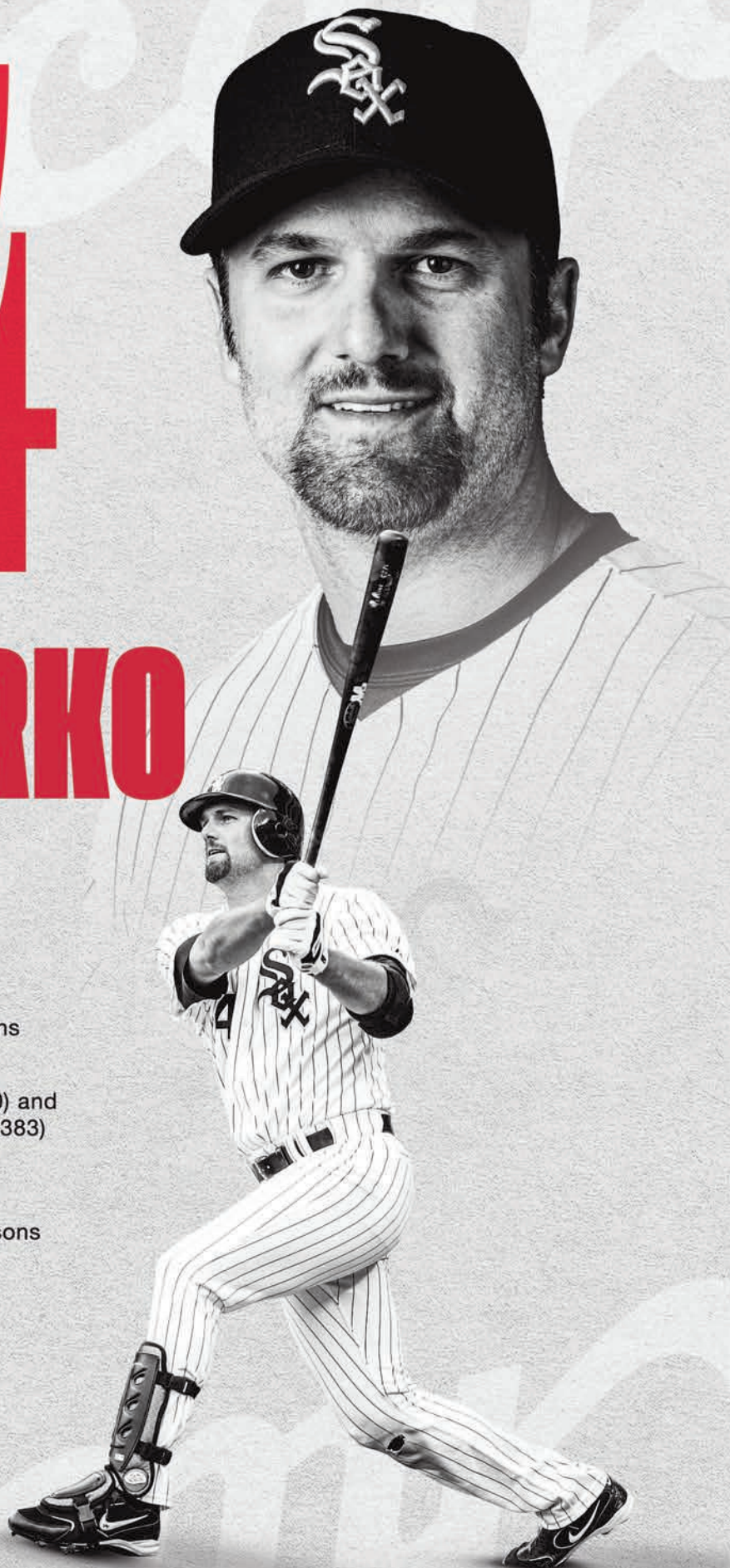


- ◆ Inducted into Hall of Fame in 1984
- ◆ "Little Louie" played 10 seasons with Sox
- ◆ AL Rookie of the Year in 1956 and AL MVP runner-up in 1959
- ◆ Collected nine Gold Glove Awards®
- ◆ 10-time AL All-Star
- ◆ Led AL in steals nine straight seasons (1956-64)
- ◆ Sculptures of Aparicio and Nellie Fox were unveiled at Rate Field in 2006

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PAUL
KONERKO

- ◆ Spent 16 seasons with White Sox
- ◆ Key member of 2005 World Champions
- ◆ Named captain prior to 2006 season
- ◆ Is the Sox leader in total bases (4,010) and ranks second in homers (432), RBI (1,383) and games played (2,268)
- ◆ Six-time American League All-Star
- ◆ Posted four .300/30 HR/100 RBI seasons
- ◆ Sculpture of Konerko was unveiled at Rate Field in 2014





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TED
LYONS

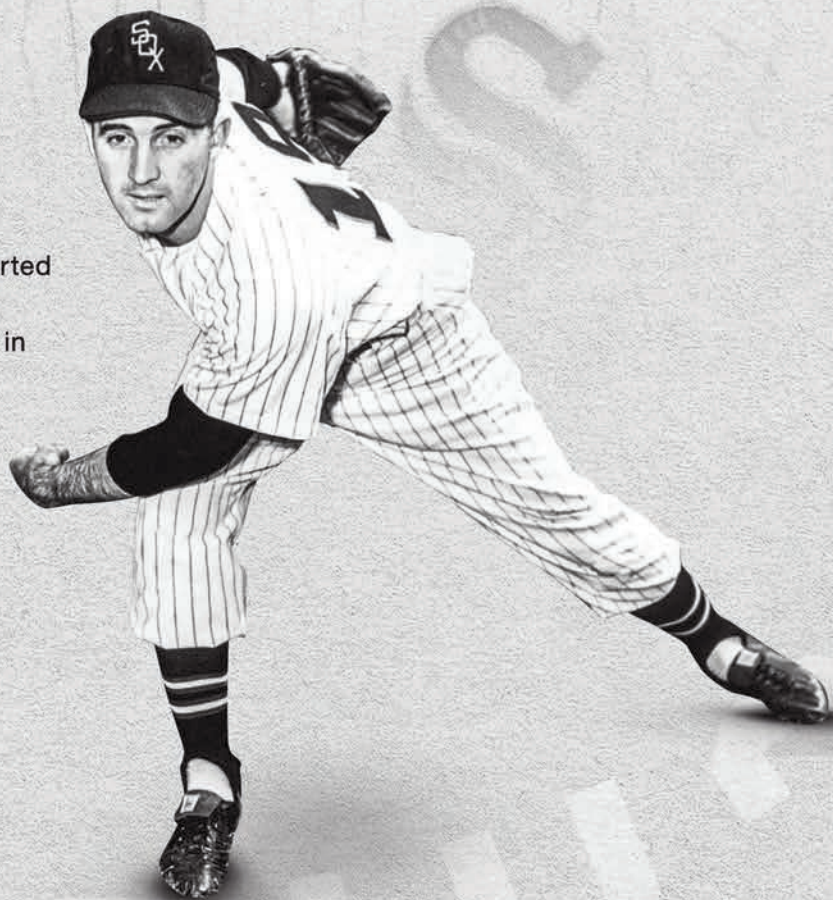


- ◆ Inducted into Hall of Fame in 1955
- ◆ Played 21 seasons with White Sox
- ◆ Sox all-time leader in wins (260), games started (484) and complete games (356) and ranks second in games (594)
- ◆ Led the American League in wins in 1925 (21) and 1927 (22) and complete games in 1927 (30) and 1930 (29)
- ◆ Threw no-hitter on 8/21/26 vs. Boston
- ◆ Managed the White Sox from 1946-48

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BILLY
PIERCE

- ◆ Spent 13 seasons with White Sox
- ◆ Ranks third in Sox history in games started (390) and fourth in wins (186)
- ◆ Led AL in strikeouts in 1953 (186), ERA in 1955 (1.97) and wins in 1957 (20)
- ◆ Seven-time American League All-Star
- ◆ One of only five White Sox pitchers to start an All-Star Game (1953, 55-56)
- ◆ Sculpture of Pierce was unveiled at Rate Field in 2005





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FRANK THOMAS

- ◆ Inducted into Hall of Fame in 2014
- ◆ "Big Hurt" spent 16 seasons with Sox
- ◆ One of four players in MLB history with .300 average, 500 home runs, 1,500 RBI, 1,000 runs scored and 1,500 walks
- ◆ Won back-to-back AL MVPs (1993-94)
- ◆ Won four Silver Slugger Awards
- ◆ Drove in 100 runs 11 times
- ◆ Sculpture of Thomas was unveiled at Rate Field in 2011

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MARK
BUEHRLE

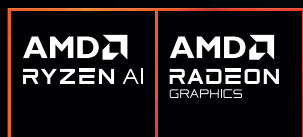
- ♦ Won 161 games in 11 seasons with Sox
- ♦ Five-time All-Star and four-time Gold Glove Award® winner
- ♦ Recorded 10 wins, 30 starts and 200.0 IP every season from 2001-11
- ♦ Made franchise-record nine Opening Day starts (2002-06, '08-11)
- ♦ Threw no-hitter and perfect game
- ♦ Sculpture of Buehrle will be unveiled at Rate Field in 2025





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CARLTON FISK

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- ◆ Inducted into Hall of Fame in 2000
- ◆ Ranks second in MLB history in games caught (2,226) and third in home runs (351) by a catcher
- ◆ 11-time All-Star and three-time Silver Slugger Award winner
- ◆ Caught Tom Seaver's 300th victory
- ◆ Sculpture of Fisk was unveiled at Rate Field in 2005



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JACKIE
ROBINSON

- ♦ Broke MLB color barrier on April 15, 1947 with the Brooklyn Dodgers
- ♦ Inducted into Hall of Fame in 1962
- ♦ 1947 NL Rookie of the Year and 1949 NL Most Valuable Player
- ♦ Six-time NL All-Star (1949-54)
- ♦ 10-year career included a batting title (1949) and two stolen-base crowns (1947, '49)
- ♦ Played in six World Series





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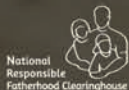
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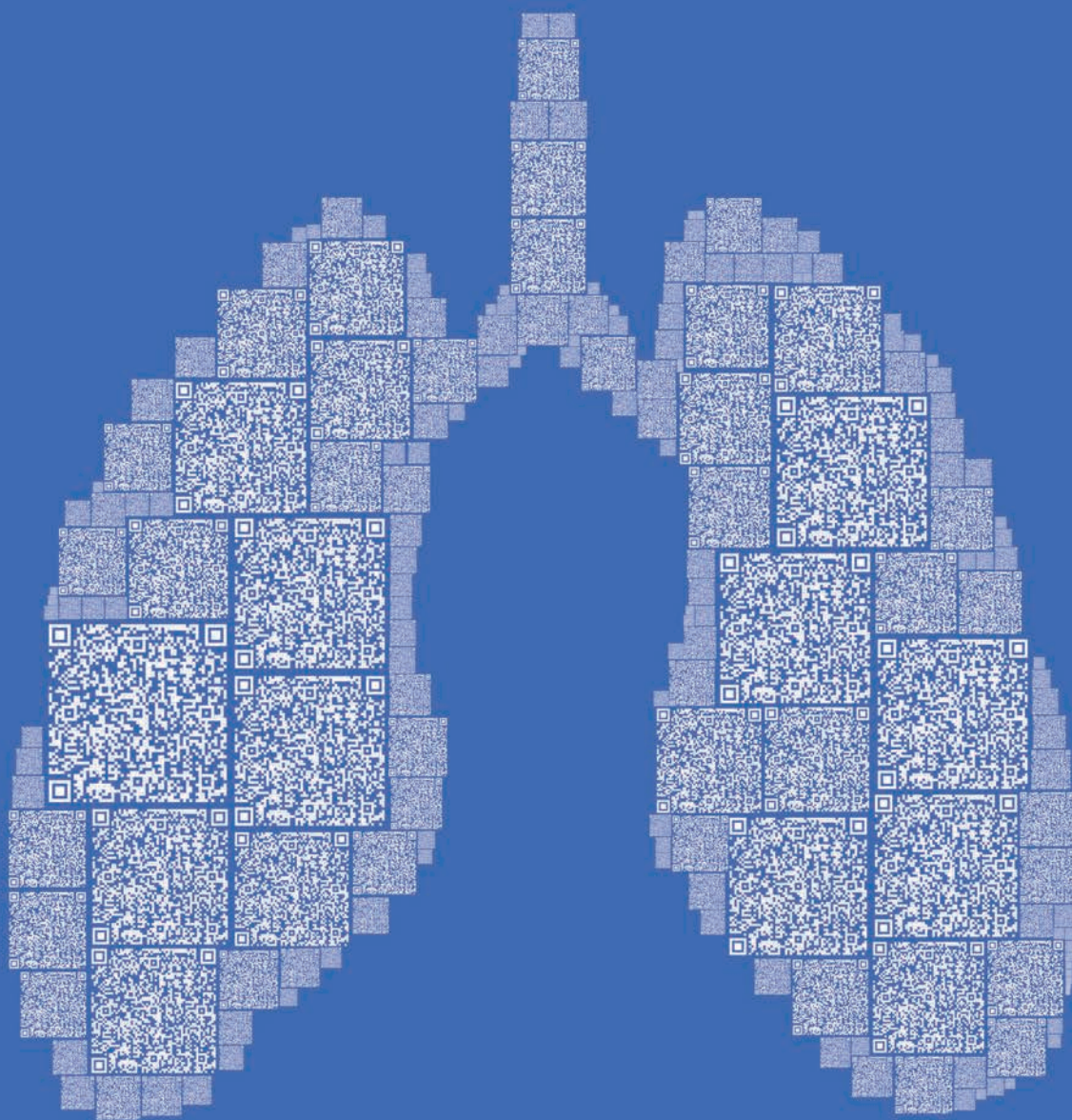


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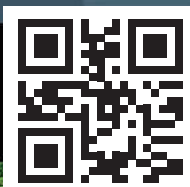
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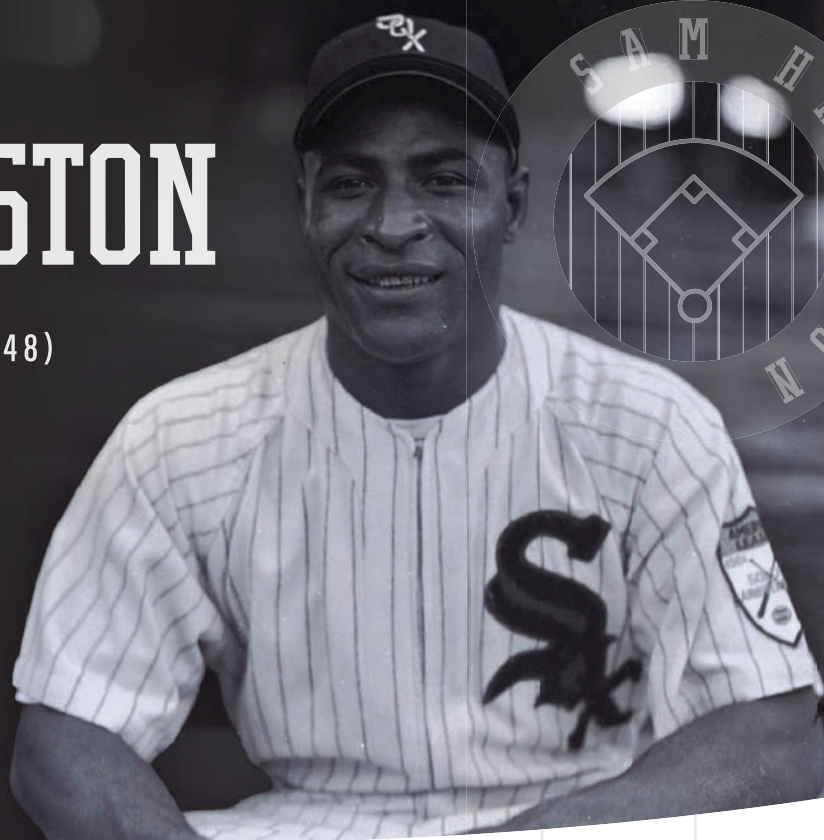
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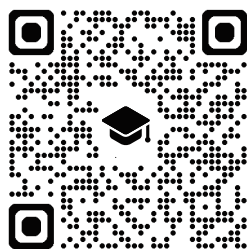
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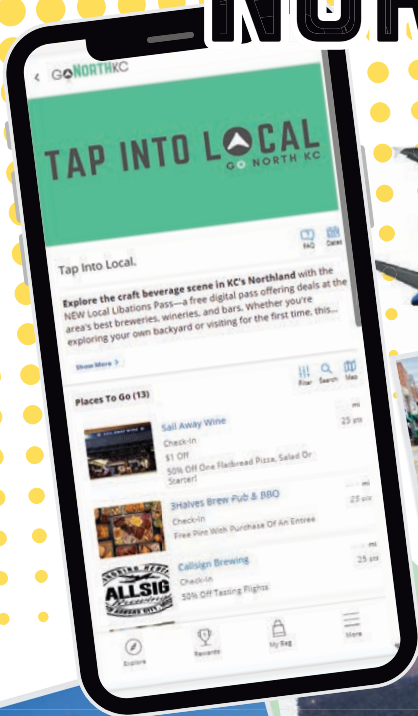
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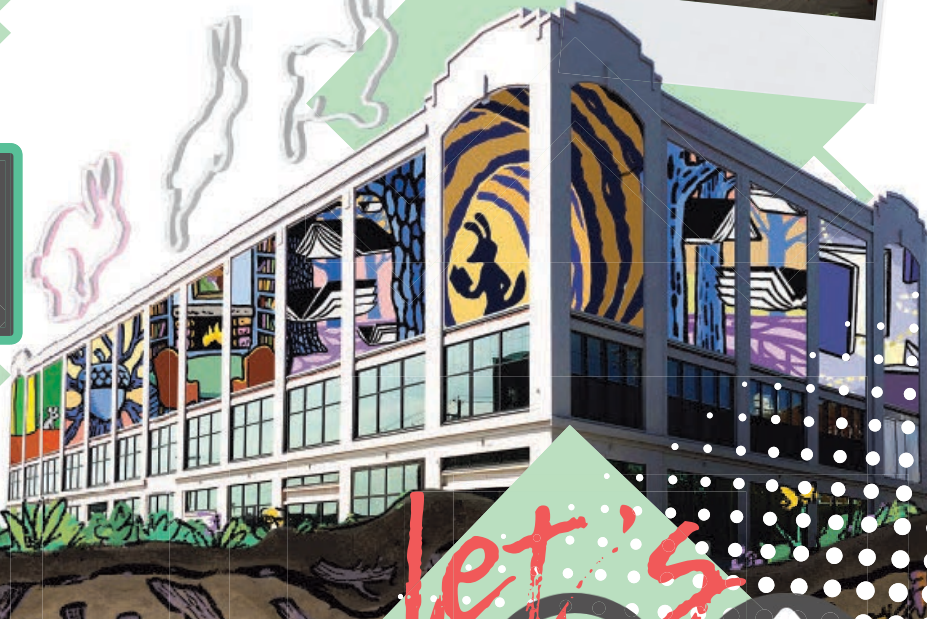
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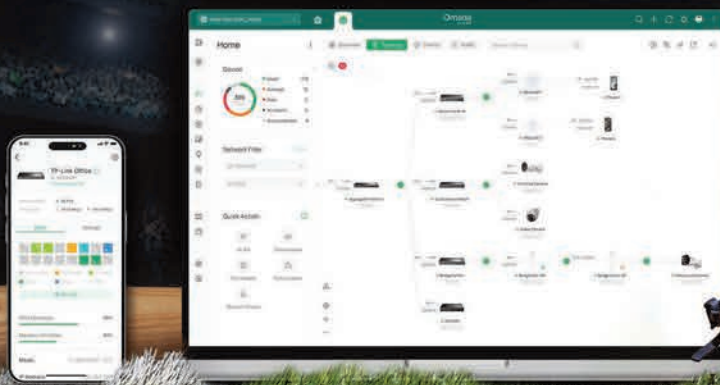
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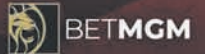
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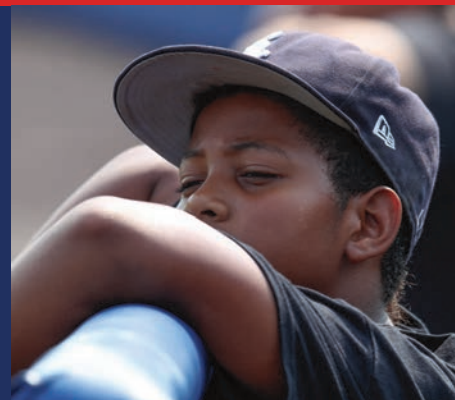
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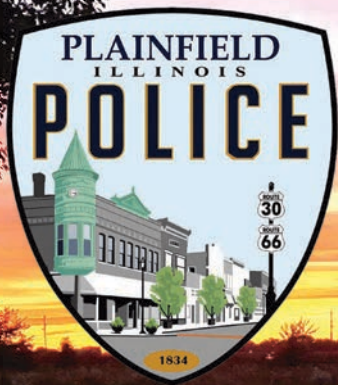
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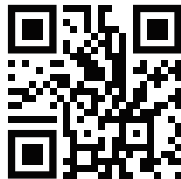


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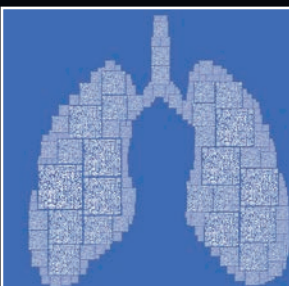


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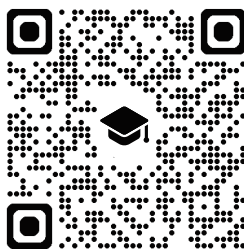
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JERRY REINSDORF

Chairman



Jerry Reinsdorf begins his 46th season as chairman of the Chicago White Sox in 2026, only the seventh individual in Major League Baseball history to surpass the 40-year milestone as a club owner (Connie Mack holds the mark with 50 seasons in leadership of the Philadelphia A's).

During his time as chairman, Reinsdorf's two professional sports teams – the White Sox and the NBA's Chicago Bulls – have delivered seven World Championship titles to the city of Chicago and its fans. Reinsdorf accepted the

Commissioner's Trophy from Bud Selig on October 26, 2005, after the White Sox swept their way to the team's first World Series Championship since 1917. The championship was celebrated by a ticker-tape parade attended by nearly 2 million Chicagoans.

The White Sox have reached the postseason seven times during Reinsdorf's tenure, most recently in 2021 when the team captured the American League Central title to reach the postseason in successive seasons for the first time in franchise history. The Sox also captured division titles in 1983, 1993, 2000, 2005 and 2008, as well as claiming a wild card berth in 2020. Every one of the club's Top 20 single-season attendance totals have come since 1981, including a franchise-record 2.95 million fans in 2006.

Reinsdorf's White Sox teams have featured three Most Valuable Player Award winners (Frank Thomas in 1993-94 and José Abreu in 2020), two Cy Young Award winners (LaMarr Hoyt in 1983 and Jack McDowell in 1993), four Rookies of the Year (last Abreu in 2014), five Managers of the Year (last Ozzie Guillén in 2005) and two Executives of the Year (Roland Hemond in 1983 and Rick Hahn in 2020).

Reinsdorf and the White Sox have received five prestigious honors in recognition of the franchise's ongoing commitment to giving back to the community. In December 2022, Reinsdorf and the White Sox received MLB's Allan H. Selig Award for Philanthropic Excellence, recognizing the team's Amateur City Elite (ACE) program which provides baseball and educational opportunities for underserved Chicago youth. Since its inception in 2007, over 33 ACE players have been drafted, while over 130 have earned college degrees and more than 115 are currently enrolled in college. Several other ACE alumni are working in baseball front offices, while several are in coaching positions across professional and college baseball. The White Sox are just the third franchise to be honored with the Selig Award twice, also being recognized in 2011 for the club's Volunteer Corps program, an initiative that activates staff, players, resources and over 5,000 fan volunteers for various projects improving the Chicagoland community.

In June 2011, Reinsdorf traveled to Washington D.C. to accept the Jefferson Award, one of the nation's top honors for community service and volunteerism, known as the "Nobel Prize for Public Service," while in August 2011, he received the Barnes and Thornburg Jackie Robinson Award for diversity in the workplace. In September 2012, Reinsdorf and the White Sox were again recognized nationally, receiving the Steve Patterson Award for Excellence

in sports philanthropy for the team's Volunteer Corps program. Reinsdorf's life-long support for charitable and community organizations has resulted in numerous other awards and recognitions.

Both of Reinsdorf's sports franchises have donated millions of dollars to causes in the Chicago community through a variety of efforts, including Chicago White Sox Charities and Chicago Bulls Charities. Chicago White Sox Charities has donated more than \$50 million to worthy Chicagoland organizations in cumulative giving. In 2015, the Chicago Bulls received honors as the inaugural ESPN Sports Humanitarian Team of the Year, and in 2017, the White Sox were finalists for the same award, which celebrates and recognizes how members of the sports industry use sport to serve their communities and make a positive impact. In December 2017, owners for five Chicago sports teams – the Bears, Blackhawks, Bulls, Cubs and White Sox – joined together as the Chicago Sports Alliance to donate \$1 million annually to the UChicago Crime Lab and other worthy programs in an ongoing effort to support solutions to the violence that plagues some neighborhoods in Chicago.

Reinsdorf was instrumental in the formation of the Diverse Business Partners (DBP) Program in 1998, and Major League Baseball honored Reinsdorf and the White Sox with the Club Appreciation Award in 2018 to celebrate the program's 20th anniversary. Over the past 20-plus years, Major League Baseball and its clubs have purchased hundreds of millions of dollars in goods and services from minority and women-owned businesses, and the White Sox annually rank among baseball's leaders in the DBP program.

In recognition of his life-long commitment to diversity, the White Sox hosted Major League Baseball's 2013 Diversity Summit in Chicago, and the franchise was chosen to host MLB's Civil Rights Game and Beacon Awards Luncheon in August 2014.

Since heading the limited partnership that purchased the White Sox in January 1981, Reinsdorf has been involved in MLB initiatives at an industry-wide level. He served on the Commissioner's Executive Council and many other committees, including Player Relations, Relocation, Ownership & Legislative, Business and Media Board and Long-Range Labor Planning.

In 2008, his long history of donating time to Major League Baseball led to Reinsdorf being asked to serve on the Board of The Baseball Hall of Fame. Frank Thomas and Tony La Russa were inducted as members of the Hall of Fame's Class of 2014, Tim Lincecum in 2017, Jim Thome in 2018, Harold Baines in 2019 and longtime great Minnie Miñoso was inducted in July 2022. Ken "Hawk" Harrelson was honored with the Ford C. Frick Award for broadcasting excellence in 2020.

Reinsdorf expanded his involvement in professional sports in March 1985 by purchasing controlling interest in the Chicago Bulls. During his tenure as chairman of the Bulls – the third-longest in the NBA – the team has captured six World Championships (1991-93, '96-98). Reinsdorf was inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2016 in Springfield, Mass., becoming the 10th NBA owner to be honored.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y. on February 25, 1936, Reinsdorf graduated from George Washington University and earned a law degree from Northwestern University after moving to Chicago in 1957. Reinsdorf and his late wife, Marty, have three surviving children, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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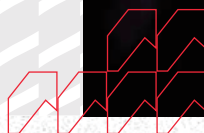
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CHRIS GETZ

Executive Vice President/General Manager



Chris Getz begins his third full season as Executive Vice President/ General Manager of the White Sox, looking to build on the club's second-half momentum from 2025. Getz, who oversaw the Sox minor league operations and player development system from 2017-23, was named general manager on August 31, 2023.

The 2025 Chicago White Sox showed a 19-game improvement from 2024, the second-best in Major League Baseball behind

only the Toronto Blue Jays (+20) and the largest single-season increase by a White Sox team since 1999-2000 (+20).

Led by SS Colson Montgomery, a first-round pick (22nd overall) in 2021 who finished fifth in American League Rookie of the Year voting after making his debut on July 4, a young White Sox team used a second-half power surge to energize the future. Montgomery, who hit 21 home runs, led a group of talented rookies, including INF Chase Meidroth (April 11 debut), C Edgar Quero (April 17), C Kyle Teel (June 6) and RHP Grant Taylor (June 10). All-Star RHP Shane Smith and RHP Mike Vasil enjoyed breakout first seasons. Smith was the first Rule 5 pitcher in major-league history and the first rookie pitcher in Sox history to make the All-Star Team, while Vasil led all major-league rookie pitchers with a 2.50 ERA.

The biggest global headlines of the h the Yakult Swallows. Murakami hit 30 or more home runs five times in the Japanese Baseball League, and his 56 home runs in 2022 are the most ever by a Japanese-born player, surpassing Sadaharu Oh.

Getz signed RHP Seranthony Domínguez to a two-year, \$20-million contact in January, and also added LHPs Anthony Kay (two years, \$12 million) and Sean Newcomb (one year, \$4.5 million) via free agency. On January 20, Getz acquired OF/INF Luisangel Acuña and RHP Truman Pauley from the New York Mets in exchange for OF Luis Robert Jr.

At December's Winter Meetings, the White Sox received the first overall pick in the 2026 First-Year Player Draft, only the third time since the implementation of the draft in 1965 that the Sox have picked first (last time was Hall of Famer Harold Baines in 1977). Under his watch, the White Sox have selected LHP Hagen Smith (fifth overall), INF Caleb Bonemer (second round, 43rd overall) in 2024 and SS Billy Carlson (10th overall) and OF Jaden Fauske (second round, 44th overall) in 2025.

The White Sox organization features five players rated among the MLB Pipeline Top 100 prospects: OF Braden Montgomery (No. 36), LHP Noah Schultz (No. 49), Bonemer (No. 61) Smith (No. 72) and Carlson (No. 73). Class AA Birmingham claimed its second consecutive Southern League title in 2025 after finishing the regular season with an 81-57 mark, while Bonemer was named Carolina League Most Valuable Player.

Getz named Will Venable as the club's 44th different manager entering the 2025 season, and the organization added five major-league coaches prior to the 2026 season, including Zach Bove as pitching coach, Derek Shomon as hitting coach and Chris Denorfia as major league field coordinator.

Getz made one of baseball's biggest trades on December 11, 2024 at the Winter Meetings, acquiring Teel, Braden Montgomery, Meidroth and Wikelman González from Boston in exchange for LHP Garrett Crochet. During spring training of 2024, Getz traded RHP Dylan Cease to San Diego in exchange for RHPs Drew Thorpe, Jairo Iriarte and Steven Wilson and OF Sammy Zavala. At the trade deadline in July 2024, the Sox acquired 3B Miguel Vargas and INFs Alexander Albertus and Jeral Pérez from the Dodgers, RHP Jarold Rosado from the Royals and INF William Bergolla Jr. from Philadelphia.

Among his first moves as general manager in 2023, Getz named Josh Barfield as assistant general manager, Brian Bannister as senior advisor to pitching and Gene Watson as director of player personnel. Barfield and Director of Player Development Paul Janish lead the White Sox minor-league system. Getz rounded out the department by naming longtime baseball executive Jin Wong as assistant general manager. Prior to the 2025 season, he added David Keller as special assistant overseeing international operations and Ryan Fuller as the director of hitting. This offseason Getz added veteran front office executive Carlos Rodriguez, who had spent 16 seasons with Tampa Bay as assistant general manager.

Getz led the Sox minor league operations and player development system from 2017-23, including the last three with the added title of Assistant General Manager. Before his promotion in January 2021, he served as Director of Player Development from 2017-20 after being hired in October 2016. He spent 2015-16 as a Baseball Operations Assistant/Player Development with Royals, who won the 2015 World Series.

Getz handled day-to-day operations of the minor-league system and supervised operations in 2020-21 at the club's alternate training site in Schaumburg, Ill. Of note in 2018, he initiated a first-of-its-kind Enhanced Education Program for the organization's Latin American players.

Originally drafted by the White Sox in the fourth round in 2005, Getz played seven MLB seasons with the Sox (2008-09), Royals (2010-13) and Toronto (2014), batting .250 (352-1,409) in 459 games. His 83.2 percent (89-107) stolen-base success rate ranks 32nd in MLB history (min. 100 attempts). Getz was named to the Topps All-Star Rookie Roster in 2009.

A native of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., and a graduate of the University of Michigan, Getz played at Wake Forest (2003) and Michigan (2004-05), earning First-Team All-America honors in 2005. On January 25, 2024, he was inducted into the newly established Grosse Pointe South High School Hall of Fame.

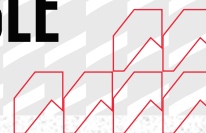
Getz is a member of the board of Chicago White Sox Charities. He and his wife, Nicole, reside in Winnetka, Ill. with their three children: Luke, Alexandra and Avery.





WILL VENABLE

Manager



Bochy, his responsibilities included daily scheduling and outfield instruction ... also handled the club's scheduling throughout its October 2023 postseason run that led to the first championship in franchise history.

Following his playing career, Venable was hired by the Chicago Cubs in September 2017 as a special assistant to baseball operations before spending three seasons on the Cubs major-league staff as first base coach (2018-19) and bench coach (2020) ... the Cubs made the postseason in both 2018 and 2020 ... Spent two seasons (2021-22) on the Boston staff as bench coach under manager Alex Cora, where he also oversaw outfield instruction and coordinated the club's spring training camp ... the Red Sox reached the ALCS in 2021.



A former outfielder, Venable played nine MLB seasons with San Diego (2008-15), Texas (2015) and the Dodgers (2016), batting .249/.315/.404 (707-2,836) with 118 doubles, 39 triples, 81 home runs, 307 RBI, 378 runs scored and 135 stolen bases in 967 career games ... Ranked among the National League leaders in triples four times and stolen bases twice ... recorded 20-plus steals in four straight seasons from 2010-13 ... Remains tied for third in Padres history with six walkoff hits ... Was traded by San Diego to Texas on 8/15/15 ... Was named Padres Most Valuable Player in 2013 after hitting .268/.312/.484 (129-481) with 22 doubles, eight triples, 22 homers, 53 RBI, 64 runs scored and 22 steals in 151 games ... batted .315/.357/.549 (74-235) over 62 games in the second half ... compiled a career-best, 15-game hitting streak from 8/2-18/13 ... hit his first career walkoff homer on 8/18/13 vs. the Mets ... Hit a club-record five leadoff home runs with San Diego in 2011 and ranked second in the majors in stolen-base percentage (26-29, 89.7 percent) ... Made his MLB debut with San Diego on 8/29/08 vs. Colorado, hitting a triple in his first plate appearance ... hit his first career homer on 9/4/08 at Milwaukee.



Will Venable was named the 44th different manager in White Sox history on 10/31/24, two days after his 42nd birthday ... agreed to terms on a multiyear contract ... Completed his first season as White Sox manager with a 60-102 record, guiding the club to a 19-game improvement from 2024, the second-largest in baseball behind Toronto (+20) ... The Sox went 28-37 (.431) in the second half, tied with Detroit for the third-best record in the American League Central and an improvement from their 32-65 (.329) mark before the break ... The White Sox improved their run differential from -306 in 2024 to -95 ... the +211 improvement was the best in baseball (Toronto was second at +149) ... The Sox used 62 players, the second-highest total in franchise history (63 in 2024) and tied with the Dodgers for the sixth-highest total in the major leagues (STATS) ... Nineteen of the 62 players used by the Sox were rookies, tied with Arizona and Tampa Bay for fifth-most in the majors ... 11 of the 19 rookies made their MLB debut with the Sox in 2025, tied with Houston for the fourth-highest total in MLB ... RHPs Shane Smith and Mike Vasil were Rule 5 selections in December 2024 ... Smith made the AL All-Star Team, and Vasil led all MLB relievers with 90.0 IP ... Recorded his first managerial victory on Opening Day, an 8-1 decision vs. Los Angeles-AL ... Was ejected three times: 5/11 vs. Miami, 6/15 at Texas and 9/9 vs. Tampa Bay, all for arguing balls and strikes ... Brings 18 seasons of major-league experience as a player, executive and coach, including two (2023-24) with the Texas Rangers as associate manager under four-time World Series champion Bruce Bochy ... Played for Bud Black with San Diego from 2008-15, worked under Theo Epstein with the Cubs in 2017 and coached under Joe Maddon (2018-19) and David Ross (2020) with the Cubs, Alex Cora (2021-22) with Boston and Bochy (2023-24) with the Rangers, including the 2023 World Series championship club ... In his first season with Texas, the Rangers won the 2023 World Series after entering the postseason as a Wild Card team, sweeping Tampa Bay and Baltimore before defeating Houston in seven games of the ALCS and Arizona in five games in the Fall Classic ... In addition to assisting



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99 WALKER MCKINVEN Bench Coach

Walker McKinven enters his second season in the White Sox organization as bench coach under manager Will Venable ... Spent nine seasons (2016-24) in the Milwaukee organization, including 2024 as the Brewers run prevention coordinator after being named to the position on 11/15/23 ... during his tenure, Milwaukee ranked second in the National League with a 3.87 ERA and fourth with a +423 run differential... The Brewers won the NL Central division title in 2024 with a 93-69 record, 10.0 games ahead of the Cubs and St. Louis ... they ranked third in MLB last season with a +136 run differential, trailing only the Dodgers (+156) and Yankees (+147), and fourth with 641 runs allowed, behind only Atlanta (607), Seattle (607) and Cleveland (621)... In addition to run prevention game planning, oversaw catching defense and assisted in player analysis, scouting, performance feedback and skill/development goal plans in collaboration with the Brewers research and development department ... Worked with catchers William Contreras, who earned All-MLB First-Team honors in 2024 and is a two-time NL All-Star, Omar Narváez, who was an NL All-Star in 2021, and Yasmani Grandal, who was an NL All-Star in 2019.... Served as Milwaukee's associate pitching, catching and strategy coach from 2021-23 and as Major League strategy coach in 2020 ... Prior to joining the Brewers organization, worked as an intern with the Chicago Cubs (2013-14) and Texas Rangers (2015)... Pitched in 2012 with the Lincoln Saltdogs of the independent American Association and the Worcester Tornadoes of the independent Can-Am League.



84 ZACH BOVE Pitching Coach

Zach Bove begins his first season as the White Sox pitching coach after being named to the position on 11/4/25... Spent the last three seasons (2023-25) as the assistant pitching coach with the Kansas City Royals ... the Royals ranked sixth in the major leagues in 2025 with a 3.73 ERA while allowing the eighth-fewest home runs (171)... LHP Noah Cameron ranked among the MLB rookie leaders last season in WHIP (2nd, 1.10), opponents average (2nd, .214), ERA (3rd, 2.99), wins (T4th, 9), starts (5th, 24), strikeout/walk ratio (5th, 2.65), IP (5th, 138.1) and strikeouts (6th, 114)... Spent the 2019-22 seasons with the Minnesota Twins organization, serving as the minor league assistant pitching coordinator from 2021-22, a special projects coordinator in 2020 and pitching coach at the Gulf Coast League Twins in 2019... Prior to joining the Twins, spent seven years at College of Central Florida as the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator (2014-18) and hitting coach (2012-13) ... helped develop six pitchers at Central Florida who were drafted, including RHP Nate Pearson, a first-round selection by Toronto in 2017.



76 DEREK SHOMON Hitting Coach

Derek Shomon begins his first season as the White Sox hitting coach after three seasons as an assistant at the major-league level... Spent the 2025 season as the Miami Marlins assistant hitting coach ... worked with National League All-Star Kyle Stowers, who recorded career highs in average (.288), home runs (25), RBI (73), on-base percentage (.368), slugging (.544) and OPS (.912) and ranked sixth in the major leagues with a 19.0 barrel percentage (min. 250 PA)... Miami ranked sixth in the NL in 2025 with a .250 batting average and fourth with a .275 mark with RISP ... per Fangraphs, the Marlins also ranked seventh in the majors last season in clutch hitting (0.45), with Otto Lopez (4th, 1.15) and Xavier Edwards (10th, 0.81) ranking among the Top 10 in the NL in that category... Spent four seasons (2021-24) with the Minnesota Twins, serving as the major-league assistant hitting coach in 2023-24 and hitting coach at Class AA Wichita in 2022 and Class High A Fort Myers in 2021... During his two seasons on the major-league staff, the Twins ranked third in the American League with 416 home runs, fourth with a .419 slugging percentage and fifth with 1,520 runs scored (4.7 per game)... Began his coaching career in 2012 with the Schaumburg Boomers in the independent Frontier League ... worked for the Boomers in various capacities for five seasons before taking a position as bullpen coach and catching instructor with the Lake Erie Crushers in the Frontier League in June 2016... Returned to Schaumburg as bench coach in 2018-19 ... was scheduled to serve as the Boomers hitting coach in 2020 before the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic... Played in two games with Cleburne in the independent American Association in 2018 and seven with Lake Erie in the independent Frontier League in 2017.



71 JUSTIN JIRSCHLE Third Base/Infield Coach

Justin Jirschele begins his second full season as the White Sox third base and infield coach after being named to the position on an interim basis on 8/8/24... Began the 2024 season as manager at Class AAA Charlotte before being promoted to the major-league staff ... also served as the organization's assistant field coordinator... Managed seven seasons in the White Sox minor-league system, going 458-501 (.478) with Class A Kannapolis (2017-18), Class High A Winston-Salem (2019), Class AA Birmingham (2021-22) and Class AAA Charlotte (2023-24) ... recorded a .526 winning percentage (276-249) over his first four seasons... During his 10 seasons in the Sox player development system, managed INFs Jake Burger and Gavin Sheets (2017), OF Luis Robert Jr. (2018-19), INF Andrew Vaughn (2019), INFs Lenyn Sosa (2021-24) and Bryan Ramos (2022, '24), RHPs Davis Martin (2021-24), Sean Burke (2023-24), Prelander Berroa (2024) and Jonathan Cannon (2024), C Korey Lee (2023), LHP Fraser Ellard (2024) and INF Colson Montgomery (2024)... Began his managerial career at Kannapolis in 2017 at the age of 27, guiding the Intimidators to the South Atlantic League championship series, where they lost in four games to Greenville... Led Kannapolis to a 74-63 record and berth in the SAL playoffs in 2018 ... managed Winston-Salem to a 72-61 record in 2019... Began his coaching career at age 25 in 2015 as hitting coach at Advanced Rookie Great Falls, less than one month after retiring as a player at Birmingham... Played four seasons in the White Sox minor-league system, hitting .277/.366/.322 (172-622) in 184 games.



73 JOSÉ LEGER First Base/Outfield Coach

José Leger enters his first season as the White Sox first base and outfield coach ... also assists with baserunning... Managed Gigantes del Cibao (24-26 record) in the Dominican Winter League this past winter (2025-26) ... also managed Aguilas Cibaenas (22-28) during the 2023-24 season... Spent the last eight seasons (2018-25) in the St. Louis Cardinals organization, serving as Assistant Field and Baserunning Coordinator in 2025, Class AA Springfield manager from 2021-24 and Latin American Field and Academy Development Coordinator at the Dominican complex from 2018-20... Guided Springfield to Texas League playoff berths in both 2023 and 2024 ... was named 2024 Texas League Manager of the Year after finishing with a 79-59 record... Was the bench coach for former Mets manager Luis Rojas on Leones del Escogido of the Dominican Winter League during the 2014-15 season ... Escogido won the DWL championship, advancing to the Caribbean Series... Prior to joining the Cardinals, managed at three levels in the New York Mets organization from 2010-17 ... was named South Atlantic League Manager of the Year in 2015 after leading Class A Savannah to an 84-53 record... Began his coaching career in 2009 in the Minnesota Twins organization as the hitting coach for the DSL team... Played two seasons (2005-06) in the Minnesota Twins organization, batting .261/.334/.329 (92-353) with 17 doubles, two triples, one home run, 44 RBI and 37 runs scored over 116 games.



85 BOBBY HEARN Assistant Pitching Coach

Bobby Hearn begins his first season in the White Sox organization as the assistant pitching coach... Spent the last two seasons with the Minnesota Twins, serving as assistant pitching coordinator in 2025 and complex pitching coordinator in 2024 in his second stint with the organization... Worked at Davidson College in 2023 as a pitching coach and recruiting coordinator for pitching... Began his coaching career with the Twins as a Florida Complex League pitching coach from 2021-22 ... joined Class A Cedar Rapids for the second half of the 2022 season... Was the pitching coach for the Glendale Desert Dogs of the Arizona Fall League in 2022, a team managed by current White Sox third base coach Justin Jirschele... Pitched for Loudoun (Cal Ripken Collegiate League) and Charlottesville (Valley League) in the summer of 2017 ... combined to go 2-1 with a 3.38 ERA (11 ER/29.1 IP) and 25 strikeouts over eight outings (five starts) between the two leagues.



77 JOEL MCKEITHAN Assistant Hitting Coach

Joel McKeithan enters his second season as the White Sox assistant hitting coach after being named to the position on 12/9/24... The Sox scored 647 runs (3.99 per game) in 2025, up from 507 (3.13 per game) in 2024 ... the +140 increase was the largest in the major leagues (Toronto was second at +127)... The White Sox also improved their offensive numbers in 2025 with 165 home runs (+32 from 2024), 498 walks (+103) and a .675 OPS (+.057) ... they scored 10-plus runs 13 times, up from two in 2024... The Sox ranked fifth in the American League after the All-Star Break in average (.250), runs per game (4.85) and home runs (89) and sixth in slugging percentage (.415) and OPS (.727) and outscored their opponents, 315-312... Prior to joining the White Sox, spent three seasons with the Cincinnati Reds, working as their hitting coach in 2023-24 and assistant hitting coach in 2022 ... worked with Christian Encarnacion-Strand, Elly De La Cruz, TJ Friedl, Jonathan India, Matt McLain, Spencer Steer and Tyler Stephenson... Served as the minor league hitting coordinator for the Detroit Tigers in 2021, where he worked with Kerry Carpenter, Riley Greene, Colt Keith, Parker Meadows and Spencer Torkelson... Began his coaching career in the Philadelphia Phillies system in 2019, serving as the hitting coach at Advanced Rookie Williamsport ... worked with Logan O'Hoppe and Bryson Stott... Was the director of hitting at X2 Baseball in Charlotte, N.C. during the 2020 season... Spent time at Driveline from 2016-18 as a player and later a coach to help create its hitting department by focusing on a data-driven approach to instruction and player development... Played two seasons in the independent Frontier League with Southern Illinois, Gateway and Lake Erie, batting .262/.349/.418 with 16 home runs, 82 RBI and 82 runs scored in 183 games... Originally was selected by Colorado in the 39th round of the 2010 draft, but did not sign.



83 MATT WISE Bullpen Coach

Matt Wise enters his third season on the White Sox coaching staff and first as bullpen coach ... spent the 2024-25 seasons as assistant pitching coach after being hired on 11/7/23... The Sox bullpen ranked second in the major leagues in 2025 with a franchise-record 657.1 IP ... rookie Mike Vasil threw a major-league leading 90.0 IP in relief, the most by a Sox reliever since Keith Foulke (105.1) and Sean Lowe (95.2) in 1999... The White Sox used 32 pitchers, the second-highest total in franchise history behind 35 in 2024 (STATS)... Garrett Crochet was named AL Comeback Player of the Year in 2024 after going 6-12 with a 3.58 ERA (58 ER/146.0 IP) and 209 strikeouts over 32 starts... Erick Fedde went 7-4 with a 3.11 ERA (42 ER/121.2 IP) over 21 starts in 2024 after pitching in the Korean Baseball Organization in 2023... Spent three seasons (2021-23) as pitching coach for the Los Angeles Angels ... after serving as the Angels bullpen coach in 2020, began the 2021 season as interim pitching coach before taking over the position on a full-time basis in late May... During his tenure, oversaw the development of starting pitchers Griffin Canning, Reid Detmers, Patrick Sandoval, Chase Silseth and José Suárez... The Angels ranked sixth in the American League with a 3.77 ERA in 2022, an improvement of nearly a full run from 2021 (4.69) ... the starting rotation ranked among the AL leaders in opponents average (3rd, .233) and ERA (4th, 3.67)... Spent eight seasons in the Angels player development system, including 2018-19 as the minor-league pitching coordinator... Appeared in 209 games (18 starts) over parts of eight MLB seasons with the Angels (2000-02), Milwaukee (2004-07) and Mets (2008), going 17-22 with a 4.23 ERA and 41 holds... Was a member of the Angels 2002 World Series championship club, but did not appear in the postseason... Went 4-4 with a 3.36 ERA (24 ER/64.1 IP), 62 strikeouts and a 0.96 WHIP over 49 relief appearances with Milwaukee in 2005 ... made a career-high 56 appearances with the Brewers in 2007... Originally was selected by the Angels in the sixth round of the 1997 draft out of Cal-State Fullerton.



81 CHRIS DENORFIA Major League Field Coordinator

Chris Denorfia enters his first season in the White Sox organization as major league field coordinator after being named to the position on 12/17/25... Spent the last five seasons (2021-25) in the Colorado Rockies organization, serving as the outfield and baserunning coordinator from 2024-25 after managing Class AA Hartford of the Eastern League from 2021-23... Guided Hartford to a 77-60 (.562) record in 2022 and second-place finish in the EL Northeast Division ... was scheduled to manage the Yard Goats in 2020 before the cancellation of the minor-league season... After retiring as a player in 2017, spent 2018 with the Chicago Cubs as a special assistant to the president/general manager before joining the Cubs major league staff in 2019 as quality assurance coach... A former outfielder, played 10 seasons in the major leagues with Cincinnati (2005-06), Oakland (2007-08), San Diego (2010-14), Seattle (2014) and Cubs (2015), hitting .272/.330/.392 (587-2,162) with 103 doubles, 41 home runs, 196 RBI and 289 runs scored in 808 games... He and White Sox manager Will Venable were teammates with the Padres from 2010-14.





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